Bonnie Brae
Neighborhood Association
NEWSLETTER

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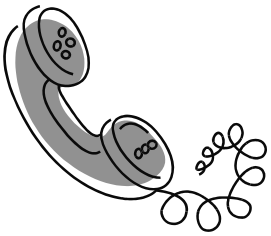
Dial 311 for All Denver Agencies

The Denver Post reports that Denver plans to debut its new 311 call center, a one-stop service center that will give citizens quick access to every city agency, on July 7. So irate Denver residents with beefs about jarring potholes or pesky tomcats no longer will have to fumble through a telephone book to register concern with a city agency. Come July, they'll just dial 311.



Implementation of the non-emergency number is a top priority of Mayor John Hickenlooper, who says it will revolutionize the way residents receive information and services from their government. Currently, residents must negotiate nearly 1,200 telephone numbers for the city. And often a citizen can get put on hold when they call for a city service and then have their calls get shuttled from place to place.

Now the 25 call-takers being hired by the city to staff the 311 lines will be armed with a comprehensive database that will allow them to quickly steer citizens to the proper agency. The call-takers also will be able to tell a concerned citizen just how long it will take the city to get that abandoned car towed or that wall of graffiti cleaned up. Citizens also will be able to e-mail their concerns to the call center, which will operate from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. with access to translators for more than 182 languages.

The city invested more than $3.5 million to set up the new call center. Annual costs are expected to reach about $1.5 million to

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run the center, which is modeled after existing ones in New York City, Houston, Baltimore, Chicago, Indianapolis, Albuquerque and Austin, Texas. The 311 call center will give city officials data that will allow them to see just how long it takes to fill a pothole, or what types of services citizens are requesting the most.

In the meantime until July, if you are trying to contact a specific city department, you can look online in the Neighborhood Handbook, City Services Directory at: http://www.denvergov.org/admin/template3/forms/NeybHandbookSep05.pdf.

University Lofts at DU Scheduled for May 2007 Opening

From Councilman Charlie Brown's Office:

Demolition has begun on the tired old buildings on the Northeast corner of University Boulevard and Evans Avenue. The 50,000-gross-square-foot project will consist of 35 apartment units on the upper 4 ½ levels, 8,800 square feet of first level neighborhood restaurant and retail and 71 underground parking spaces. Pat Barron, University Park resident and developer of the project, anticipates a 13 month construction period with completion by late May of 2007.

In 2000 Denver adopted Blueprint Denver, a plan to revitalize Denver's aging neighborhoods and encourage development along its major arterials. It is hoped that such development will encourage the use of public transit systems and bring back a sense of neighborhood by combining residential and commercial uses.

Dear Neighbors:

Get Involved...

Please join us for a special general neighborhood meeting on **May 24th** at the District 3 Police Station community room, 7-8P. Meet your neighbors, get involved with neighborhood issues, and learn about new projects. We are actively recruiting for new members to take positions on the board and to edit the newsletter. At this meeting, you can chat with the current Board members and ask any questions you might have about these positions.

What does the Bonnie Brae Board do?

We provide a focus and point of contact for the neighborhood and communicate important issues and information that affect Bonnie Brae residents. Additionally, we publish a quarterly newsletter and host an annual free neighborhood picnic. In the past, we have worked on traffic and speeding control problems, zoning violations, upgrades to the park, neighborhood yard sales, neighborhood tree planting, neighborhood safety, and to provide a link between local businesses and our residents.

Time requirements are limited to a few projects and 4 annual meetings, so even busy neighbors can spare the time to get involved.

Thanks for helping to make this neighborhood exceptional. We hope to see you at the meeting!

Dave Bell

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We encourage you to participate in supplying items of interest to the community for this publication. You must have material for inclusion in the July 2006 edition of the newsletter, to our editor by June 30th, 2006.

Please submit all material to:
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Denver, CO 80209

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Bonnie Brae Board Meetings

If you would like to participate in any of our quarterly Board meetings to voice your concerns or share great ideas for our neighborhood, please join us:

Second Meeting: May 24, 2006
Special general neighborhood meeting District 3 Police Station (University & I-25), Community room, 7-8P

Third Meeting: July 26, 2006
Picnic Planning Meeting

Annual Picnic—August 27
Annual General Meeting and Election of New Board of Directors.

Fourth Meeting: Nov 15, 2006
New Board and Planning for 2007

To confirm location and time of these meetings, please contact Dave Bell at david.w.bell@att.net.

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD NEIGHBORS…

to serve on the Board of Directors for the BBNA. The Board meets 4 times a year, publishes this newsletter and puts on the annual picnic. We are also looking for an individual who would be interested in editing this newsletter. If you would like to help, please contact our current president Dave Bell.

The Street Maintenance Division repairs tens of thousands of potholes every year in Denver. If you see a pothole, report it by calling the city's **pothole hotline** at 720-865-6855, or by reporting a pothole online at www.denvergov.org/eform.asp?opt=1&formid=173

Code Violations?

Neighborhood Inspection Services protects the quality of life within Denver neighborhoods by seeking maximum compliance to Denver code requirements concerning interior and exterior property maintenance, zoning and habitability. Neighborhood Inspection Services is a component of the Community Planning and Development Agency.

Call Neighborhood Inspection Services at 720-865-3200, or click onto the Neighborhood Concerns Report by returning to the Home Page of DenverGov and reviewing the "Neighborhoods" Information Center.

Neighborhood Street Sweeping

Denver started **Neighborhood Street Sweeping** on Tuesday, April 4 and will continue through November. The monthly sweeping schedule is posted on signs located at the ends of each block and in the middle of long blocks. Residents can help ensure crews get a clean sweep of their street by not parking on the street between the hours of 8:00am and 5:00pm on their sweeping day. Additional information on the city-wide sweeping schedule can be found at www.denvergov.org/street_Maintenance/.

Bonnie Brae	www.neighborhoodlink.com/denver/bonniebrae
City of Denver:	www.denvergov.org
Denver Water:	www.denverwater.org
Fire Dept (district 3):	**303-698-4921**
Police:	**720-913-2677**
Councilman Charlie Brown:	303-871-0601
Animal Control:	303-698-0076
Street Sweeping:	720-865-6855

Do I Need A Permit?

Permits are often required for home improvement projects. Building Permits help determine if the project conforms to Denver health and safety codes as well as land use guidelines.

No permits are required for these projects:

Glass replacement for existing windows and skylights
Floor coverings
Exterior paint
Interior paint or wallpaper
Replace interior doors
Built-in bookcases and entertainment centers without
electrical outlets
New sod or lawns
Replace existing light fixture, switch or outlet with similar item

Have you paid your 2006 Dues?

If you have not already sent in your dues for 2006, please do so to help us fund our annual picnic and this newsletter. Provide us with your name, address, telephone number and email address.

Please enclose your BBNA Membership Fee of $10 for the calendar year 2006 to:

Barb Drews
BBNA Treasurer
714 South Elizabeth Street
Denver, CO 80209

Did you know you could go online and see what the traffic looks like around town?

Go to http://www.denvergov.com/traffic/ and you will find a map of the City and County of Denver with clickable, numbered regions. Click on any active region to access the traffic cameras located in that part of the city and view the related traffic photo.

Map Regions - Active
Region 1
Boundary: Federal Blvd., Lincoln St., 7th Ave., 44th Ave.
Region 3
Boundary: Washington St., Dahlia St., 62nd Ave., 38th Ave.
Region 4
Boundary: Washington St., Dahlia St., 38th Ave., 7th Ave.
Region 5
Boundary: Washington St., Dahlia St., 7th

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Region 6
Boundary: Sheridan Blvd., Lincoln St., 7th Ave., Jewell Ave.
Region 7
Boundary: Kipling St., Sheridan Blvd., Dartmouth Ave., Crestline Ave.
Region 13
Boundary: Monaco Street, Havana Street, 56th Ave., 32nd Ave.
Region 14
Boundary: Peoria St., Chambers Rd.,

T-Rex Update

DOWNING ST at I-25:
May to June
Bridge closed for bridge work
Motorists should use the Franklin Street Bridge over I-25.

BUCHTEL BD [S OF I-25] between DOWNING ST and FRANKLIN ST:
May 1 to June
All lanes closed
North on Downing to Louisiana Avenue, east on Louisiana to Franklin St. and south on Franklin St. to S. Buchtel Blvd.

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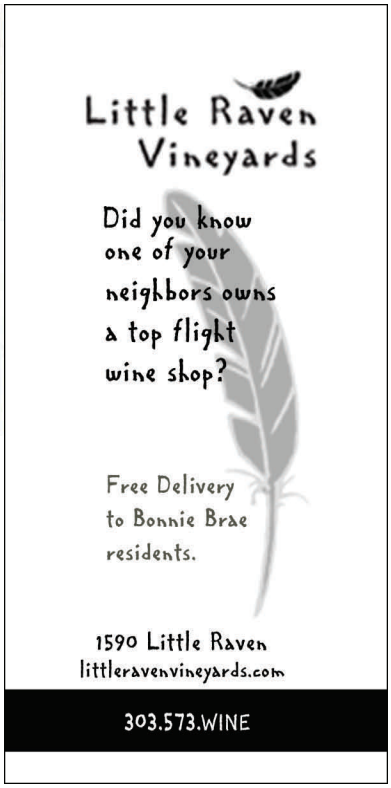
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